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1) Michael Timofeev, a refugee talks to Col. Andreiev of Soviet Mission

"When Michael Timofeev entered, he was immediately surrounded by the members of the SRM who greeted him profusely. Timofeev immediately stated: "So you want to speak to me. Well, I have nothing to learn from you but I can tell you many things. I can tell you how you murdered my father and mother and brothers and sisters and how you beat me, broke my ribs, broke my leg and crippled me for life. I can tell you how you starved me nearly to death in a concentration camp. I can tell how you murdered thousands of people. I can tell you that I want no part of you and I can tell you thousands of names who want no part of you".

KOLZOV: "Did you see your father and mother killed?"

TIMOFEEV: "Yes".

SHKABARIN: "Did you see your brothers and sisters killed?"

TIMOFEEV: "Yes".

KOLZOV: "How can you believe that thousands were killed, you did not see them yourself? Where did you hear that thousands of people were killed?"

TIMOFEEV: "I saw them myself".

"After this statement, there was dead silence in the room. Then Col Andreiev thanked Timofeev and stated that would be all and they did not desire to talk with him anymore, whereupon Timofeev stated that he had much more to say to the SRM. He continued as follows: "Look at me, I am in rags; I am an old and broken man; however, I have one thing that you never will have - I have freedom - and I have more than one suit to wear, ragged as they may be, and at night I can sleep a peaceful sleep and do not have to worry about your 'watch dogs'".

"At this point, Major Kolzov began a tirade of propaganda; sentimental statements about the motherland and about the people of Russia; how they were fighting for world peace, etc. Whereupon, Timofeev answered, "Yes, that sounds good; when you can bring me proof that this is true I and my friends may believe you; but too many people have come from behind the Iron Curtain who have seen that this is not true for me to believe".

"Then Kolzov stated:

"As an old man you should be careful of such statements."

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2) A refugee, Vernevaskeya, talks with a Soviet member of the Mission:

"Vernevaskeya stated that she had nothing to say to them; however, if they wanted to talk to her she had no objections. When Col Andreiev was introduced, he asked her the usual background questions and why she did not return to the Soviet Union. Vernevaskeya answered firmly that the Soviet Union had absolutely nothing to offer her; that she had found a life in Austria where she could live and work in freedom and could teach her children to live in a free and democratic way; and that she had no intention of ever returning to the Soviet Union. She added further that she had no relatives in the Soviet Union whom she cared to name. Col. Andreiev then asked if she had received the propaganda material which he had forwarded to her previous address in Schleeedorf. Vernevaskeya answered affirmatively and stated that it was put to good use in the "outhouse". Col. Andreiev blushed at this retort and asked if she had read the material. She answered emphatically, "No". Col. Andreiev then requested permission from Maj. Miller and Mr. Kurylchek to leave some pamphlets, booklets and magazines with Vernevaskeya. Permission was granted by Mr. Kurylchek whereupon Vernevaskeya said that the Colonel was welcome to leave the material but that she would not read it. Col Andreiev asked Vernevaskeya if she knew any other Russian displaced persons in the vicinity, whereupon Vernevaskeya answered that if she did she would not tell him their names. Conversation was concluded at this point."

3) At Camp Asten, Linz:

"As Pvt. Holubeck (driver for Soviet Mission) was standing near his vehicle, one unidentified individual approached him and stated: "It is too bad there are so many Americans here, otherwise we would string these Soviet dogs to the highest tree. However, if we did anything in your presence we realize we would cause trouble for you; therefore, we will not touch them",

4) "Colonel Andreiev (of the Soviet Mission) then changed the conversation and stated that he realized that there were many things in the Soviet Union as in other countries that were undesirable. He added that should American officers come to the Soviet Union and see the Soviet way of life, they would have a better understanding of it. He added that he himself had considered the United States as having been always a good friend of the USSR. He stated emphatically that he did not believe that the United Nations are using bacteriological warfare in Korea and added that if he did believe this he would be so bitter toward the United States that he could not prevail upon himself to dine in a congenial atmosphere with American Army officers."

5) Maj. Miller (charge of the American escort party) referred to Col. Andreiev's invitation to come to the Soviet Zone and asked Col Andreiev what attitude would be afforded by the Soviet authorities to a request from the US Element to send a US Repatriation Mission into the Soviet Zones of Germany and Austria in order to repatriate US citizens who might be there. Col Andreiev answered that he thought the request would be approved."